PATENT APPLICATION

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For:

METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE FOR

IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

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